



Colonial Update



Shrewsbury High School Newsletter

Apr 2004

Dear Parents:

Allow me to update you on activities at SHS:

- Sophomores completed the MCAS long composition and will continue testing during the month of May. The sophomores will be tested in the areas of mathematics and English and freshmen will take tryout exams in science. Please contact your child's guidance counselor or Anne Steele at 841-8800 or asteele@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us if you have any questions or concerns.

- Recently, juniors and seniors participated in a program entitled *The Yellow Dress*. The program focused on relationships and dating violence. After the poignant and emotionally charged performance, students met in smaller groups to discuss the issues in greater detail and reflect on their own behavior and dating relationships. In May freshmen and sophomores will participate in a program sponsored by Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) that will focus on substance use and abuse concerns.

These programs should help our young men and women understand how their decisions and behavior affect their lives and the lives of those they love. I hope our efforts to educate your children about these issues compliment your values and the critical guidance you already provide your children as they maneuver an often difficult and tricky social scene.

- Teachers, parents, and students continue to discuss ways to ensure that students feel connected to their learning and one another at SHS. As our school community grows larger (next year we anticipate an enrollment exceeding 1,400 students) it is imperative we consider additional ways to support student learning and growth. Each student needs to know that he or she is supported and cared about by parents, peers, and teachers.

Shrewsbury High School can build on its strong tradition of supporting all students by becoming a more personalized community where adults offer guidance, support, and advice to students as they navigate the critical transition

from adolescence to adulthood. Thus, we are discussing the possible implementation next year of two programs to support students:

- A **Homeroom Advisory** would strengthen and enhance our current homeroom program. Students, organized by grade level and remaining with the same teacher for all four years, would meet twice a week for 25 minutes to discuss and plan school and student programs; develop a personal relationship with one another and the homeroom advisory teacher; increase understanding of student diversity issues; and generally promote a positive and caring school climate. Time for the Homeroom Advisory would be carved out of existing homeroom and class time.

- A **Peer to Peer Mentoring Program** would provide a "big brother" or "big sister" for each ninth grader. Juniors and seniors would volunteer to be mentors and role models to one or more freshmen. Freshmen students could interact with an older student in a positive, supportive relationship in school; learn about high school norms and values; and discover high school programs, activities, and clubs. Juniors and seniors would be able to demonstrate leadership, communication, and mentoring skills that will assist them as they transition to college or work.

Several teachers, parents, and students are actively involved in discussing these proposals to determine if they can be implemented next fall. I welcome your thoughts and ideas as we move forward to promote a strong school environment in which each student is valued and supported.

Sincerely,

Daniel Gutekanst, Ed.D
Principal

The Shrewsbury High School community provides challenging, diverse learning opportunities; promotes creativity and independent thinking; and empowers students to become capable, caring, active contributors to the world in which they live.



Across the nation Youth Art Month is celebrated during the month of March. Students from the following schools represented the town of Shrewsbury in this year's Youth Art Month exhibit at the Worcester Art Museum. The opening reception for K-8 was March 7 at 1-4PM in the Higgins Education Wing. The 9-12 reception was March 11 from 6:30-9:00 PM. Student work was on exhibit in the education wing for the remainder of the month.

High School

Art teacher: Ms. Fried, Ms. Viva, Ms. Welch, Mr. Stearns,

Freshman: Bridget Marden, Tahmineh Mojahed

Sophomores: Courtney Bradley, Isabel Broer, Anna Chan, Amy DeLuca, Sang Luu, Lisa Millette, Kyla Phoenix, Eleanor Winship, Cara Howe

Juniors: Jessica Perez

Seniors: Seana Cummins, Matthew Dell'Erba, Jaclynn Martin, Mary-Ann Nethercote, Anastasia Schelkin, Amanda Sullivan, Kristen Sund

SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULE

It was not possible to include a Spring Sports schedule in this issue of Colonial Update. Please check the SHS website for weekly games or contact Mr. Warren (gwarren@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us) for more information.

www.shrewsbury-ma.gov/schools/shs/index.asp

SPEECH & DEBATE HEADS TO NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

Twenty-one students on the Speech and Debate Team competed at Milton Academy March 12 & 13 in the New England District Tournament. From this event, five SHS students qualified for the National Forensic League's Grand National Tournament in Salt Lake City, Utah in June. Only two students in New England can qualify in each competition category for the national tournament. Many SHS team members were successful in the tournament, reaching final rounds in extremely tough competition.

The students going to the National Forensic League Grand National Tournament are:

Joseph Chan - Original Oratory

Davis Woodruff - Humorous Interpretation

Ruotao Wang - Domestic Extemporaneous Speaking

Akshay Dayal & Kenny Lin - Public Forum Debate

Chris Cerrone - Student Congress (Qualified at an earlier tournament)

Team Coaches Marc Rischitelli and Amy MacIntosh are very excited about the success of the team this year, and are looking forward to success at the Grand National Tournament.





JUNIOR AFTER PROM PARTY

The plans are moving along smoothly and the parent committees have been working very hard on their teams: food, music, decorations, pool toys, bands, DJ, movies, rock climbing wall, and a obstacle course with a boy and girl prize winner. (Practice for this event will occur in the early part of the evening, then the finals.) There will be several other surprise events!

CHAPERONES: Time is getting closer and we are **CALLING ALL PERSONS** who would be interested in chaperoning. We would prefer non-junior parents to join us from 11:30 P.M. to 5:00 A.M. immediately following the Junior Prom. Relax, there will be Junior parents who have been involved in planning who will also be there taking care of their responsibilities, we are just clearly looking for chaperones. The need is about 30 adults, Mom's, Dads, older sisters and brothers. Contact sajweed@townisp.com.

The committees are excited and hoping they will be able to complete their plans with your donations. There will be a mailer sent to your home in the next two weeks to give you an update on the party plans, a permission slip if your child will have to leave the Boroughs Y earlier than 5:00 A.M. (as this is a lock in), and a form for the students to return if they are planning to attend the party as well as the name of any guests that are not members of the Junior Class.

We are looking for the students to have a great time. Remember, if your student does not attend the prom they may still attend the After Prom Party as long as they are a member of the SHS Junior class.

FROM THE PARENT FORUM COORDINATORS

Thank you to everyone who attended the March 4th Parent Forum. It was nice to see so many of you there. Mr. DiPilato, Ms Matson, Ms Floyd led the presentation and provided valuable information on the Guidance process. Parents and students should work together with each other and with the SHS staff. Together students should be able to create a well prepared plan to meet their educational and extracurricular goals. Some of the key points raised were:

- Meet with your Guidance Counselor to construct academic plan.
- Pick courses that are appropriate, based on ability, interest, and challenge level.
- Along with good grades and strong academic courses, it is important to get involved, stay connected and join in extracurricular activities.

- Participate in activities and develop deep involvement in fewer areas, rather than superficial involvement in many.

Many other valuable points were discussed. Please refer to the Guidance web site for more information.

The next **PARENT FORUM MEETING** will be held at 7:00 pm in the Commons (SHS) on **April 29, 2004**. Hope to see you there!

As always, we would like to thank you for your continued support. We remain interested in hearing your ideas and concerns.

Warmly,

Sheila Carbone:	842-0305
Lisa Easson:	842-7133
Alicia Howe:	754-2804
Karin Hutt:	842-2392
Penny McLaren:	842-0143
Sandy McManus:	842-3153
Gina Miller:	756-6014
Debbie Stefani:	842-6168
Sue Troccoli:	845-1147
Marianne Upton:	842-4175



Annual SHS Staff Appreciation Luncheon

As the honored guests arrived, they were draped with black, white and gold beads upon entering the SHS Commons, Friday, March 12th. This year the theme was “Mardi Gras” and one immediately felt the ambiance created by parent, Karin Hutt. Teachers, senior greeters and staff alike, look forward to this yearly expression of love and gratitude as much as the parents enjoy the planning, preparation and orchestration of this dinner. This expression of gratitude is given on behalf of every student and parent at the high school. Gigantic masks occupied the space at one end of the Commons while an enormous replica of a harlequin puppet stood erect at the other end. The black, white and gold motif was displayed throughout the dining hall. Even the parent servers were adorned in black and white. Feathery masks perched atop shiny black boxes with beads and confetti strewn about the center of each table further enhanced the theme. The skirted serving tables uniquely displayed theatrical curtains. Thanks again Karin for you brilliant and creative spirit!

Well what can be said about the food? I have never seen such wonderful offerings since the inception of this annual appreciation event seven years ago! It appears that only the best recipes were brought to offer our dedicated and wonderful staff. Because we know how hard they all work and how professionally they teach, inspire, challenge, coach, direct and discipline our children, we parents feel it is so imperative to show our thankfulness. I remember looking around the room and observed the teachers, with ear-to-ear grins, happily talking with each other and enjoying their sumptuous luncheon.

As a parent forum coordinator, I wish to extend a sincerest thank you to each and every Mom and/or Dad who contributed to this year’s “feast”. If you were not contacted this year for food or your help, please don’t fret. Contact one of the parent forum coordinators today to offer your assistance for next year’s luncheon! I’m so thrilled to say that parent participation in SHS events continues to grow by leaps and bounds. This involvement is what defines our town and enhances the quality of life here; it’s especially evident in the school setting. We are all so graciously blessed by so many generous, kind-hearted people!!!

Our cafeteria staff member, Esther Monahan, was absolutely stupendous in her role as head chef for the day. She helped with cooking and/or reheating all the entrees, etc. that were brought. While the staff dined, two SHS music

students alternated playing the piano to provide lovely mood music in the background. A great big thank you goes to Jen Chen and Kazumi Shimokawa for sharing their talents for the teachers and staff.

The buffet menu included items like fresh fruit trays, vegetable trays, egg and tuna finger sandwiches, a large variety of side salads and garden salads, quiches, spinach pies, vegetable casseroles, various types of pilaf, rice, taboule, and potato dishes, lasagnas, ziti’s with meatballs, chicken, shrimp and beef entrees, etc. Desserts included cheesecakes, pies, specialty cookies/bars, cakes, and decadent brownies. Beverages included coffee, teas, lemon water and soda.

Praise and thanks is given to the multitude of parent volunteers and parent forum coordinators who worked so hard to cook, decorate, set up, serve and clean up for this event also.

Parent Cooks and Helpers include:

Karin Hutt, Marianne Upton, Penny McLaren, Debbie Stefani, Sheila Carbone, Lisa Easson, Sue Troccolo, Alicia Howe, Lori Bergman, Janice Holland, Marsha Cramer, Martine Query, Mary Claire Ballou, Laura Kay Cozenza, Tina DiTerlizzi, Cathy Cooper, Terry Bolton, Madeline Browning, Karen Alvino, Janet Fotiadis, Lisa Turnblom, Barbara Andrukonis, Noreen Camerato, Kathy Kilcoyne, Rita Innamorati, Sue Schmidt, Colleen Gardner, Kathy Ryan, Sue Stone, Kathleen Thompson, Nancy Russell, Kathleen Von Behren, Kathy Rocheleau, Carol Murray, Tina Young, Beth Vinton, Susan Tunak, Elise Saad, Elizabeth Spencer, Eileen Aubuchon, Susan Williams, Jean Coates, Sherri Kalinowski, Deborah Peeples, Virginia Winship, Luann Eknoian, Bonnie Gibbs, Donna Alphonse, Donna Simone, Karen D’Alessandro, Linda LaHaise, Maria DiPilato, Vicky Pugliese, Regina Pialtos, Kitty Dodakian, Cheryl Murray, Nicole Gary, Jane Harrington, Elaine Foutsitzis, Kathy Ermilio, Kathy Zillman, Cathy Spellman, Sally Connor, Sue Chatten, Cathy Dell’Erba, Lydia Wilson, Carolyn Lavin, Mary Warner, Vickie McMann, Patty Comeau, Joanne McCarthy, Lori Silverman, Lee Joseph, Laura Stacy, Dianne Millette, Carolyn Moring, Joanne Scanlon, Paula Mariani, Sue Neaz, Ann Marie Bodge, Diana Peraino, Vanessa Padavano, Janet Pope, Susan Panzarino, Betsy Dalke, Cathy Canfield, Doreen Rebh, Doreen Grella, and Alison Duval.

Sincerely,
Sandy McManus



Attention: Parents Class of 2004

For many years it has been a tradition at Shrewsbury High School for the parents of the graduating class to host a Senior Class Picnic for the students. It is time to start the planning for this event, which will take place on Thursday, May 28 at Dean Park.

The first committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 6 at 7:00 pm in the Commons area at the High School. Please consider this last opportunity to help out before your senior graduates. Volunteers are needed to help plan the refreshments, entertainment and fun to make the event a memorable one.

Look for further information, which will include a sign up sheet and ticket sales to go home to all seniors in April.



TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

SHS Alumni Association

Auction Dinner

Saturday, April 10

6 PM

Tickets

\$20 each after March 10 and at the door



Available at:

***Donahue Industries, Industrial Dr., Shrewsbury
(across from the bowling alley on Route 9)

***The Shrewsbury Children's Center, 138 North Quinsigamond Avenue, Shrewsbury, (508) 755-3922

UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS

**MICCA Festival—Concert Band
Hopkinton High School**

Friday, April 2

Choir Night

May 5 at 7:30 PM

String Night

May 4 at 7:00 PM

Spring Concert—Band & Choirs

May 13 at 7:30 PM



ATTENTION: All Junior Parents

The party and planning are well under way. The parent leaders of the various teams have secured some donations to help defray the overall cost of the party itself. But, in order for the night to be totally successful, we are asking all **JUNIOR** parents who have yet to send a donation to please mail the treasurer a check today. Our guess is that you read the mailer and placed it aside to handle later. **WELL, LATER IS HERE AND WILL NOT GO AWAY.** We do have a FIRE and are in need of your donation. If perhaps you lost your mailer, we are again providing the address to send your **DONATION**. While the requested donation is \$25, any amount would be greatly appreciated. We also are accepting donations from parents of members of other classes.

Virginia Winship

Treasurer of the After Prom Committee

67 Spring Street

Shrewsbury, Ma. 01545

Upcoming Calendar

04/03	Sophomore Semi	Com	
04/04	Benefit BB Game W/Patriots	Gym	11:00am
04/04	Junior Class Fashion Show	Aud	06:00pm
04/05	FR: Latin Club Tie Sale until 05/01/04		
04/05	FR: DAG Candy Sale until 04/30/04		
04/05	Parent Mtg.-France	PR	07:00pm
04/06	3rd Qtr. Ends		
04/06	Passover Begins		
04/06	Speech & Debate Practice	SHS	06:30am
04/06	Senior Picnic Mtg.	Com	07:00pm
04/06	SMA Monthly Mtg.	CR	07:15pm
04/07	Varsity Math Meet	Away	03:00pm
04/07	Parents Mtg.-France	PR	07:00pm
04/07	Parents Mtg.-Music Spain	MC	07:00pm
04/09	Good Friday - NO SCHOOL		
04/10	Alumni Auction & Dinner	Com	01:00pm
04/14	Spring Talent Show	Aud	05:00pm
04/15	FT:Chandler Magnet School	Away	09:30am
04/16	Rock Stock	Aud	07:00pm
04/19	April Vacation - NO SCHOOL		
04/20	April Vacation - NO SCHOOL		
04/21	April Vacation - NO SCHOOL		
04/22	April Vacation - NO SCHOOL		
04/23	April Vacation - NO SCHOOL		
04/27	Speech & Debate Practice	SHS	06:30pm
04/28	FT: Junior College Fair	Away	
04/28	FT:A Capella Greendale Y	Away	09:00am
04/29	Career Day	SHS	08:26am
04/29	Parent Forum	Com	07:00pm
04/30	FT:Jackson-Mann School	Away	08:00am
04/30	FT:Foothills Theatre	Away	09:20am
05/01	SAT's	SHS	07:45am
05/01	Junior Prom		
05/01	Junior After Prom Party at Westboro Y		
05/04	Speech & Debate Practice	SHS	06:30pm
05/04	SSMA Monthly Mtg.	CR	07:15pm

Please note that dates and times are subject to change.

Aud - Auditorium Com - Commons CR-Conf. Room
PR - Presentation Room TH - Town Hall MC - Media

SHS Store

The Shrewsbury High School Store has a line of school supplies available for purchase by students before school everyday. Now, if you hear from your student first thing in the morning, "Oh no, I forgot I needed _____ (fill in the blank)", you can remind them to check at the SHS store and purchase their supplies before school.

Index Cards, 3x5 \$0.50	Index Cards, 4x6 \$0.75
Mechanical Pencils \$0.25	Regular Pencils \$0.10
Diskettes \$0.10	Poster Board \$0.10
DV Tapes \$5.50	Post-its \$0.25
Notebook paper \$0.50	Notebooks \$1.00
Composition Books \$1.00	AA Batteries 2 for \$1.00
Gel Pens \$0.50	Black Pens \$0.25
Blue Pens \$0.25	Red Pens \$0.25
Various Musical Reeds - Pricing Varies - sold one at a time	
And many more items	
Don't forget to check out our clothing line.	

Anyone interested in volunteering in the school store before school (7AM to 7:30AM) should contact Jill Boulay at 508-842-0822.

A Word from your Newsletter Coordinator:

The deadline for the May Colonial Update is **Friday, April 16, 2004**. Due to April Vacation it is important to turn in all information on time. If you have any questions regarding file formats, email me at **shsupdate@aol.com**.

Thank you,

Jean Sullivan
Newsletter Coordinator
shsupdate@aol.com



MCAS 2004 TEST ADMINISTRATION

Sophomores and freshmen will take the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System tests according to the following schedule. It is extremely important that students get plenty of rest prior to the testing period. Let's work together to ensure their preparation and focus!

English Long Composition	1 session	March 30
English Language Arts	3 sessions	May 18 & 19
Mathematics	2 sessions	May 20 & 21
Science/Gr. 10 Pilot Test	2 sessions	May 24 & 25
Science/Gr. 9 Pilot Test	1 session	May 26

Please call your son or daughter's guidance counselor or Assistant Principal for Curriculum, Anne Steele, at 841-8800 or asteele@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us if you have any questions.



SHS ATHLETIC BOOSTERS ASSOC.

We need your help and support!!!!

The Booster Club is changing and we need volunteers to join and help on the board (meetings approx 4 times per year), assist with fundraising (2 per year), and coordinate concession help.

PLEASE ATTEND:

BOOSTERS ANNUAL MEETING

TUES. MAY 4TH at 7:00pm

At SHS

Agenda to include: election of officers, discussion of fund-raisers, and appointment of committees

*you may join that night...remember you must be a member for your senior to be eligible for the Boosters Scholarship!

(you do not have to be an athlete to be eligible for the scholarships.)

Thanks to all who are currently members!

Diane and Frank Peraino, Ann Thayer, Tom and Barbara Luby, Sandy McManus, Leslie and Doug Malloy, Mary Ann Dumont, Joseph and Doreen Lambert, Daniel and Gail Augustino, Debbie Stephanie, Gail Trippi, Thomas Hullinger, Jack and Nancy Clennon, Karla and Andy Ad-dre, Byungmoo Kim and Sojung Jun, Denis and Jan Leary, Vickie Pug-liese, Sue McAllaster, Andrew and Carolyn Moring, Tony and Roberta D'Amico, Judy and Barry Henry, Ellen O'Connor and Michael Haire, Pennu and Bob McLaren, Ed and Catherine Simisky, Sharon Theoha-rides, Kevin Kolbe, John and Dana Mrazik, Charles Abdelahad, Mike and Ailene Daley, Deb and John Mastrofillippo, Mary Beth Leifer, Don and Jill Speicher, John and Ann Cruz, David and Lisa Easson, Keith and Ro-bertha Aleva, Virginia and Frank Winship, Dutch Holland, Lori Bergman, Allyson and Jim Duval, Carol Hogan, Sue and Mike Neafsey, Pam and Keith McKinley, Kathleen and David Rocheleau, Bill and Renee Collins, Tony and Kathy Pawlik, Dan Gutekanst, Maureen and Steve Corron, Mark and Martha Kinback, Joe and Vanessa Padavano, Susan and Guy Troccolo, Tina DiTerlizzi, Diane Tonelli, Sharon and John Meader

PLEASE PLAN ON ATTENDING YOUR MEETING!

THANKS!



SHS Alumni Association News

SHREWSBURY HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES

A RECORD SEVENTEEN STUDENT GRANTS RECIPIENTS

— Alumni See Growing Need For Educational Funding —

The Shrewsbury High School Alumni Association announces its seventeen 2004 Student Grants recipients — a record number of student groups totaling more than \$4,000 in grants. To date, the alumni association has awarded 85 grants since the program's inception, totaling some \$20,000 and benefiting more than 15,000 students at SHS.

"The number of grant applications we receive has grown every year," said Shrewsbury High School Alumni Association Grants chairperson Sandie Lucas. "We've seen a growing need for funds for student groups each year, and we're proud that our grants serve such an important purpose at the high school — to give students opportunities they otherwise may not have had without our funding."

Starting off small with limited resources in 1995 when the Student Grants Program began, the alumni association gave out three grants. Since then, the alumni association has funded an average of thirteen grants in the last few years. This year, all seventeen applicants will receive funds.

The Alumni Association relies strictly on a small group of dedicated volunteer alumni, friends, and their generous contributions made through donations, membership, and community fundraising efforts to help support the entire SHS Student Grants Program.

"This year, the alumni association will hold its first ever Auction Dinner at the Shrewsbury High School on Saturday, April 10 to raise funds for our Student Grants Program," said Lucas. "We expect a great turnout and have more than \$9,000 in donations." Tickets are \$20 each after March 10 and at the door. The dinner menu and a list of exciting prizes are available on the alumni association web site: www.shrewsburyalumni.org. For ticket or volunteer information, e-mail info@shrewsburyalumni.org or call 508-753-6008.

The Shrewsbury High School Alumni Association's Student Grants

Program promotes educational and charitable projects. All SHS student groups, clubs, classes, and organizations with a minimum of five students either involved or benefiting from the project are eligible. Grants are awarded from \$100-400.

Founded in 1993, the Shrewsbury Alumni Association is a non-profit organization whose goal is to bring together all interested alumni and friends of SHS graduates and to promote the best interest of the schools and community by fostering enthusiasm, involvement, and close relationships.

Please see page 9 in this newsletter for a complete list of the grant recipients awarded 3/01/04.

Shrewsbury Historical Society

Wednesday, April 28

7 PM

"Historic Gardening in New England"

Speaker: Mary Shane

1830 Brick Schoolhouse on the Town Common

"Historic Gardening in New England" is an informal pictorial tour through typical residential gardens from the 17th to the early 20th century, including information on period garden design, plant selection, and garden function. Samples of different gardens will be shown throughout and tips on recreating or restoring historical gardens for the homeowner will also be provided.

A Michigan native, Mary grew up enchanted with New England history. She moved to Massachusetts in 1987 where she found herself in historic heaven! She is passionate about history and historic vernacular landscapes: gardens and landscapes of every day life together with an explanation of how these landscapes functioned.

About Mary Shane:

Mary Shane is the owner of Mary Shane, Inc., Garden Management; Garden911, a garden design, installation, & maintenance company; and 3 Magnolias, a specialty tree nursery. Mary has been gardening for 10 years, is a Master Gardener, and also consults on various historical horticultural projects.

**SHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
GRANT RECIPIENTS LIST
3/01/04**

- 1. United States Academic Decathlon:** The purpose of this grant is to develop and provide academic competitions, curriculum, and assessment to promote learning and academic excellence through teamwork among 15 students at all achievement levels. Teams of a minimum of 9 students will participate in seven subjects in regional competitions.
- 2. Visiting Artist:** The purpose of this project is to expose art students at all levels to practicing and exhibiting artists. Christina Chang Riley and Ginny Bivens Troutman will give presentations on their artwork and talk about how they go about exhibiting it. Some 255-art students will have the opportunity to interact with artist working in the field and explore art as a viable career.
- 3. Asian Club:** The purpose of this grant is promote awareness of Asian culture; to provide students a place to voice their opinions on Asian American issues; to organize cultural events in relation to Asian culture. Some 35 students are participating in organizing activities for Lunar Year Celebration in May of next year.
- 4. Best Buddies Program:** The purpose of this grant is to provide funds needed to purchase all bakery items for a Bake Sale by students with specific disabilities in collaboration with their peer buddies. These students will have the opportunity to model appropriate communication, social behaviors, and practice life skills such as reading recipes, measuring, working with an oven, telling time and counting.
- 5. Black History Month:** The goal of this project is to increase student's participation and awareness concerning Black History Month. Approximately fifty-six students will participate in a writing contest, daily trivia questions, assembly, and an art contest. Funds from the SHS Alumni Association will benefit the above programs.
- 6. Bioethics Class:** The purpose of this project is to invite guest speakers from the community to expose seniors who take bioethics to a variety of controversial topics such as abortion, euthanasia, infertility and organ transplantation. The goal of this project is to enhance critical thinking skills; to model and apply ethical decision-making; to broaden perspective on divisive and controversial issues; to help create informed, educated citizens of the community. A grant will help provide guest speakers for this class.
- 7. Career Center-Library Resources:** The goal of the Career Center Library is to provide SHS students with information and resources to help direct them into a career path or career interest. A grant from the SHS Alumni Association will help finance materials such as short vocational biographies of people in public service area.
- 8. Cheerleading Clinic:** The purpose of this project is to increase awareness, knowledge of cheerleading for all ages and gender within the Town of Shrewsbury. The size of this group involves 46 girls and 1 boy. This is the first time a mixed gender team was established paving the way for the future. This grant will help foster community, school, and team spirit.
- 9. SHS Club MEDica Student Outreach & Training:** This newly created club's purpose is to provide information on a variety of medical topics, including medical careers; to provide a forum for students to exchange ideas and medical issues. A grant will help arrange for guest speakers and presentations to the student community on medical topics and assist the school in purchasing medical equipment that can be used to enhance safety.

- 10. "Collecting Clubs for Cancer Kids" Service Learning Project:** The goal

of this SHS student project is to collect approximately 200 new or used golf clubs from the local community to donate to a start up organization called "Clubs for Cancer Kids" based out of Florida. This organization provides a plethora of cancer patients the opportunity to participate in a sport. Most cancer patients cannot participate in contact sports like other children because of the often-ignored difficulties of cancer treatment. Golf provides the perfect solution to having fun and exercise while undergoing rigorous treatments. A grant will help defray the cost to ship the clubs and equipment, and for the promotion of this event.

- 11. Excelsior Art and Literature Magazine:** Excelsior's purpose is to provide SHS students with an opportunity to publish their written works and artwork, and to share their talents with the community. It also seeks to help students enhance their skills through group writing critiques and through such activities as the writing conferences. Excelsior Magazine is a student run literary and art magazine which produces three issues a year. Funding from the SHS Alumni Association grant will help support the cost of paper, binding, color printing, and publicity.
- 12. Mentor Volunteer Program (MVP):** The purpose of this program is to help eighth graders adapt to the High School by developing trusting relationships. As mentors, students can offer sound advice on homework issues, peer pressure, and be a friend. A grant will help defray the cost of motivational speakers, tutoring, and field trips through out the school year.
- 13. National Art Honor Society (NAHS):** The purpose of the program is promoting the Visual Arts within the community. Students want to paint terra cotta flowerpots in the style/influence of various artists. They want to raffle the pots and donate the proceeds to SHS Alumni Association as a way of saying "thank you" for the Alumni's continued support of the arts. A SHS Alumni grant will help purchase flower pots (6" and 8") with dishes and cover the cost of paint.
- 14. PC Technology Project- Career Center:** The Career Center provides SHS students and staff with materials needed for career and college exploration. All student grades 9-12 benefit from accessing literature, applications, scholarships, and other materials that cannot be downloaded on a Macintosh computer. A grant will help provide computer software compatible for use with a PC for further career and college exploration.
- 15. Speech and Debate Team (NFL):** The Speech and Debate Team benefits students to various aspects of public speaking skills, in academic and non-academic environments. The team will host the "Mardi Gras" Tournament in March, which is one of the largest in Massachusetts. Qualified students will then travel to two National tournaments (one in Boston and one in Salt Lake City) for the National Catholic Forensic League Tournament. A grant will help defray the cost of competitions, entrance fees, and travel.
- 16. The Styx Club & Camp Harrington Weekend:** The Styx Club members are concerned parents of the SHS Field Hockey varsity and junior varsity players. The purpose of the Camp Harrington weekend for the Field Hockey player's is develop team building, sportsmanship, physical fitness, school spirit and the understanding of competition. A grant will defray the cost of lodging, and the ropes course activity.
- 17. The Town Crier- School Newspaper:** The journalism class creates the school newspaper, "The Town Crier" which prints 5-6 newspapers a year. Each student contributes as a writer, editor, and photographer. This unique opportunity gives students a chance to learn the basics of journalistic writing and publication. The entire school community benefits from articles written about students, teams, clubs, and teachers. A grant from the Alumni Association will help defray the cost of printing.

**Bid on More Than \$9,000 in Cash and Prizes on
Saturday, April 10, 2004**

Alumni, teachers, student, parents, and friends: you're invited! See old faces. Give back to SHS by benefitting SHS students. Donate to the Auction Dinner, to be held this April at the new Shrewsbury High School, or attend this exciting event. If you own your own business, you can advertise to some 600 potential customers by donating a gift certificate, product, or service - all tax-deductible to the Auction or become a Sponsor. Tickets are available for \$20 after March 10 at the Shrewsbury Children's Center on North Quinsigamond Ave., at Donahue Industries on Industrial Drive off Route 9 between Oak and Lake Streets in Shrewsbury, or online by downloading the Ticket Form.

<http://www.shrewsburyalumni.org/auction.htm>

**Shrewsbury High School Alumni Association Presents
SteveCharette's Magic Show!**

Fun for all ages! Steve Charette, also known as Presto the Clown, will dazzle audiences with his illusions and magic.

When: Wednesday, April 21, 2004, during April school vacation, 1p.m.

Where: Shrewsbury Middle School, Sherwood Ave. (off Maple Ave.)

Price: \$4 at the door or \$3 in advance
(children less than 1 year old are admitted free!)

<http://www.shrewsburyalumni.org/magicshow.htm>

SHS Crew Team Reaches Its Goal!

The SHS Crew team has finally reached its goal of raising \$25,000 and purchased a new Quantum Racing Shell. The shell will be named the Forest "Clink" Miner '41. The dedication ceremony will take place on April 24, 2004, at 12p.m. at the Donahue Rowing Center with refreshments to follow. The Quinsigamond Cup will also be on this day starting at 1p.m.. The crew team is still raising funds for a new shell for the boys' team and the establishment of a scholarship fund for its graduating seniors.

Take on the Reunion Challenge!

Reunions are a time to reflect on the good times at SHS, to rekindle old friendships, reminisce of times past, celebrate our lives, and remember those we've lost. Give back to SHS by giving to the all-new SHS Alumni Association Scholarship Fund. This fund is designed to help an at-risk student who will further his or her education with a cash scholarship, which will not affect a student's financial aid. The Class of 1949 gave \$1,000 to the SHS Alumni Association after their 50th reunion. The challenge is yours, though any amount would make a difference. We'll even present the scholarship at Awards Night in the name of

your class.

Thank you to those reunion classes who have donated! So far, the SHS Alumni Association has received a total of more than \$300 from reunion classes 1968, 1973, and 1978 for the scholarship fund.

<http://www.shrewsburyalumni.org/challenge.htm>



Spirit of Shrewsbury Fall Festival 2004

Planning for the annual Spirit of Shrewsbury (SOS) Fall Festival has begun. Committees are starting to form for the gala celebration, which has been changed to October 1-3 for this year only.

Art Dobson, Vice-President of the SOS, said, "In order to make the October weekend a success, we need many volunteers to help with the activities being planned. We need more participation and early commitment by the schools and town organizations. We are looking for people to help with the Town Common groups, craft fair, parade, obtaining sponsors and community contacts, distribute information, fundraising, and a dinner dance. Without sufficient help, the events will not be possible. Suggestions are welcome as to how the weekend can be improved."

Next meeting

Dates for upcoming meetings include Tuesday, April 13, May 18, and June 15 at 7 PM, in the municipal building. Items on the agenda include committee reports and new ideas for the SOS weekend. To promote your non-profit group—send a representative to the meeting. For information on how you can volunteer for the Spirit of Shrewsbury Fall Festival, contact either Maria Smith (508-845-9974 or MMSREAL@aol.com) or Art Dobson (508- 842-2826 or adobson681@aol.com).

Vivian Powers, Secretary, sums up the Spirit of Shrewsbury committee as, "a volunteer, non-profit, self-funding committee, comprised of dedicated residents from Shrewsbury. Positive and negative ideas are extremely welcome towards the success of the 2004 Spirit of Shrewsbury Fall Festival." All are welcome to help plan the town's festivities. Bring a friend, share your ideas, and help.